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*“Behold, now is the  
acceptable time; behold,  
now is the day of salvation.”*  
II Cor. 6:2

LeTourneau  
University

**Faith brings  
us together.  
Ingenuity sets  
us apart.**

The three-year, Capture The Vision Campaign concluded at the end of June with a total of \$7,003,592 received in cash and pledges. The total is more than \$1.3 million beyond the \$5.7 million base goal established by the Board of Trustees in 1988. This is the highest three-year total in the history of the institution. The total is especially significant since it does not include estimated values of gifts-in-kind and revocable planned gifts which would increase the total by more than \$2 million.

The campaign theme, Capture the Vision, was drawn from Proverbs 29:18, “Where there is no vision, the people perish...” LeTourneau has always been a place where faith and ingenuity have blended to create an institution unlike any other.

Top level campaign leadership included Mr. John N. Thomas, Sr. of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, chairman of the trustee division; Mr. S. E. Belcher of Brent, Alabama, honorary chairman of the trustee division; Mr. Don Wolgemuth of Mr. Joy,

Pennsylvania, chairman of the former trustees division; Mr. Richard Berry, chairman of the faculty/staff division; and Mr. Jerry Fritsch, chairman of the alumni division. Many other friends participated in the campaign and made significant contributions resulting in this success.

Trustees led the way in the fund raising effort with gifts and pledges totaling more than \$1 million. More than \$3,363,000 was raised for student financial aid and general operations. Alumni gifts and pledges totaled more than \$500,000. Faculty and staff commitments totaled more than \$90,000.

Designated gifts totaled more than \$867,000 for academic equipment,

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## 3-Year Campaign Exceeds Goal



*Dr. Alvin O. Austin, president of LeTourneau University and Earl Martin, director of general services, regularly visit the construction site of Longview Hall to inspect the progress being made. The major academic center is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 1992.*

library materials, faculty development and special capital projects. Included in this category was a \$120,000 gift from Karsten Manufacturing, Phoenix, Arizona. The gift was used to purchase a 1979 Beechcraft Baron B-55 for use in the LeTourneau flight program. Major foundation gifts designated for the construction of Longview Hall included \$200,000 from the

J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Oklahoma; \$100,000 from The Meadows Foundation of Dallas, Texas; and \$100,000 from the Hillcrest Foundation of Dallas, Texas. Campaign priorities focussed on both immediate and long-range needs. The centerpiece of the campaign was the \$2 million, 32,000 sq. ft. Academic Center. The Center is currently under construction and is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 1992. The Academic Center will be named Longview Hall in recognition of the many friends in the East Texas community who contributed more than \$1 million toward the total construction cost. Longview Hall will provide a modern, permanent home for the departments of business and

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### CAPTURE THE VISION CAMPAIGN

	Campaign Goal 7/1/88	Received 7/1/88-6/30/91	Pledge Balances
Longview Hall	\$2,000,000	\$1,897,782	\$115,260
Academic Center			
Beautification	\$ 300,000	\$ 550,000	\$210,000
Scholarships	\$1,545,000	\$1,250,000	\$ 5,883
General Program	\$ 905,000	\$1,903,766	\$203,609
Designated Gifts	\$ 450,000	\$ 725,758	\$141,534
Campus Center	\$ 500,000		
Totals	\$5,700,000	\$6,327,306	\$676,286
Grand Total: Cash & Pledges		\$7,003,592	

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President's Message

Reaffirming The Mission

Most of us get caught up in the rigors of our normal and daily routines and do not...or cannot take the time each day to see our jobs, our lives, our faith from the "big picture" perspective.

If we are not careful, the nitty gritty concerns of our personal life such as the flat tire on the car, the air conditioner that goes out on the hottest day of the summer, or the unanticipated medical problem can consume all of our attention. At the office we can get bogged down in the never ending flow of mail that needs to be answered; reports that need to be filed; articles, speeches, presentations that must be planned and delivered; or, as it seems in my case, the fact that there are enough invitations to meetings that one could simply spend all day every day going from one meeting to another.

Your list of activities may be quite different from mine, yet I believe that I am safe in saying that few of us find enough opportunities to reflect on what is truly important in our lives, our jobs, our faith...and for our institutions or organizations, what is our real purpose?

The past several months have given me several opportunities to rethink the mission of LeTourneau University, to reassess what it is that this institution, founded almost half a century ago by persons seeking the will of God,

is still all about.

We have just completed our largest ever capital campaign (although there is some additional work yet to be accomplished to complete the funding of our Academic Center, Longview Hall) and have received the most funds ever during this campaign. We are most grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support from friends, alumni, corporations, foundations, Board members and faculty and staff. To have achieved more than \$7 million in gifts and pledges is truly outstanding. Yet as I contemplated these funding successes I immediately knew that this was not an end in itself.

While it is most essential that we continue to find support for the work of the university, the accomplishment of campaign goals is only a means to the end. We have had several interactions with our accrediting agencies in the past several months, both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the primary accrediting body for this region, and also the Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology, our highly prestigious accreditation for our engineering programs. In these assessments we are compelled to reflect upon institutional achievements. Feedback from both of these groups has been most supportive of the quality of our academic

efforts. And this quality was further recognized last fall when U.S. News and World Report named us as one of the top 10 academic institutions of our size in the West.

While these endorsements and recognitions are important affirmations, they are not at the heart of who and what we are. At a recent retreat of my administrative cabinet, we spent time restating our understanding of the true mission of LeTourneau University. We sought to remove ourselves from the daily responsibilities of our "tasks" and focus upon those foundational elements that are at the very core of the university's purpose for existence.

Here is a summary of those statements that came out of our cabinet discussion regarding the primary purpose for LeTourneau University. We agreed that to be a distinctive Christian institution: we must approach the educational process from a perspective of "wholeness," integrating the Christian faith with strong academics; we must accept the authority of God and scripture as the primary guiding forces for life and then seek to transfer that perspective from faculty and staff to our students through both word and as role models; we must be committed to a well-rounded education that includes competency in a primary field of

interest but also provide a broader understanding of the arts and sciences and a foundation in Biblical studies; we must focus upon life/living issues which reinforce the values of faith, the family, integrity, the work ethic and a commitment to democracy; and we must seek to implant in every student the expectation that one has an obligation to give back some of what they have received in life by establishing a commitment for lifelong service to God and fellowman through the sharing of the "good news" of Christ and by providing aid and comfort to those around us.

Appropriately, we discovered that our cabinet perspectives closely paralleled the statements of institutional purpose as found in the Mission Statement of the university as it was adopted by our Board several years ago. It was helpful for us to revisit these principles through our reflection and discussion. We plan to do more of this as a means of focusing and energizing our daily efforts.

So that you can revisit with us these underlying principles that make LeTourneau University the truly distinctive institution that it is, we have reprinted in this issue the university's mission statement. Read it, reflect with us, reaffirm your commitments to the distinctive Christian education found at LeTourneau University.

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The Mission Of LeTourneau University\*

LeTourneau University is a coeducational, inter-denominational Christian university built upon a foundation of Biblical authority, which seeks to glorify God by integrating faith, learning and living. Recognizing that all knowledge comes from the Creator, the university helps students develop a maturing relationship with God, encouraging them to know Him through His son, Jesus Christ.

LeTourneau University is a comprehensive academic institution, setting standards of excellence in engineering, technology, the liberal arts, business, aviation, education and the sciences. These programs are distinguished by an approach that provides students with the pure intellectual excitement of learning, coupled with real life problem-solving opportunities. At the core of all programs is an emphasis on developing communication and critical thinking skills.

This integrated philosophy of education extends to all aspects of student life at LeTourneau, providing tangible opportunities for intellectual, spiritual, emotional, social and physical development. LeTourneau helps students mature and develop leadership skills, self-sufficiency and self-discipline by providing a campus community that enables faculty, staff and students to interact on a uniquely personal level. In addition, our university encourages the faculty and staff to serve as roll models in spiritual, personal and professional growth.

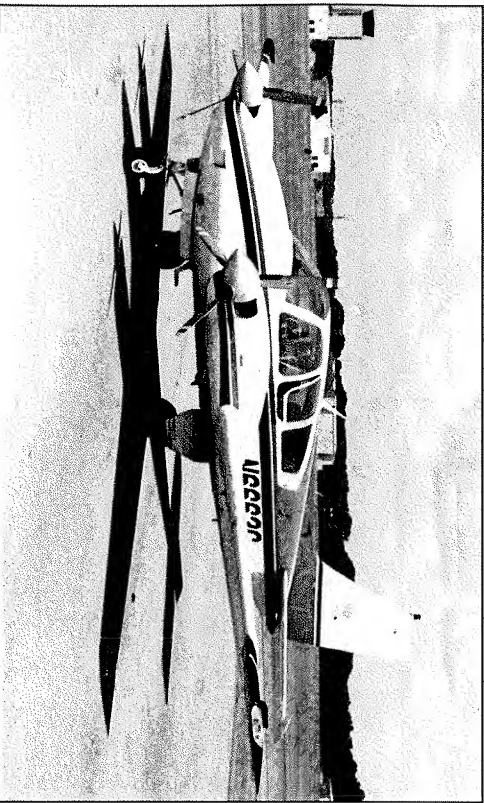
Beyond its campus, the university is mindful of the need for service and Christian witness in the broader community by responding to needs for educational programs and research. It encourages in its students the qualities of ingenuity and entrepreneurship that contribute to free enterprise and the democratic process. In addition, LeTourneau attracts young people from many nations, sensitizing all students to other cultures. And it encourages students to responsibility communicate their views, values and Christian faith to the world.

\*The complete mission and doctrinal statements and history of the university are published in the university catalog.



# Campaign Exceeds Goal (Continued From Page 1)

mathematics and computer science, the adult program, LeTouneau Education for Adult Professionals (LEAP), faculty offices, computer labs and the office of the vice president for academic affairs. It will be joined to the existing academic structure, Heath-Hardwick Hall, and the two will form a major academic complex situated along the central campus mall.	completion of Longview Hall, student financial aid and general program needs - before beginning another major construction project. Consequently, the Campus and Community Center will become the focus of a future fund raising effort.
Campus beautification was another major component in the Campaign. A new entrance was constructed including streets, curbs and gutters, street lights and landscaping. The improvements dramatically changed the appearance of the campus. The project was made possible through gifts of more than \$300,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Eliott Belcher of Brent, Alabama, and \$100,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Leland Boren of Upland, Indiana. A memorial park area honoring Mr. R. G. LeTouneau was constructed near the campus entrance on the south edge of the mall. There a 12 foot statue of Mr. LeTouneau stands surrounded by three of his early earth moving machines. The area is beautifully landscaped, with shrubs, flowers, benches and lighting.	People responded generously to the campaign challenge because they understand the mission of LeTouneau University which is the foundation upon which all of the academic and student-life development programs are built. LeTouneau's president, Dr. Alvin O. Austin, sums up the mission with three words: quality, faith and performance. As he explains it, "LeTouneau University is unequivocally committed to quality. We attract highly motivated, academically strong students from throughout the United States and the world, provide them with a well-prepared, caring faculty, and expose them to state-of-the-art programs in engineering, technology, business, education, the sciences and the liberal arts. "LeTouneau University is enthusiastically committed to the Christian faith. A faith that is not a limiting element in the search for truth, but one that adds a higher dimension to knowledge.

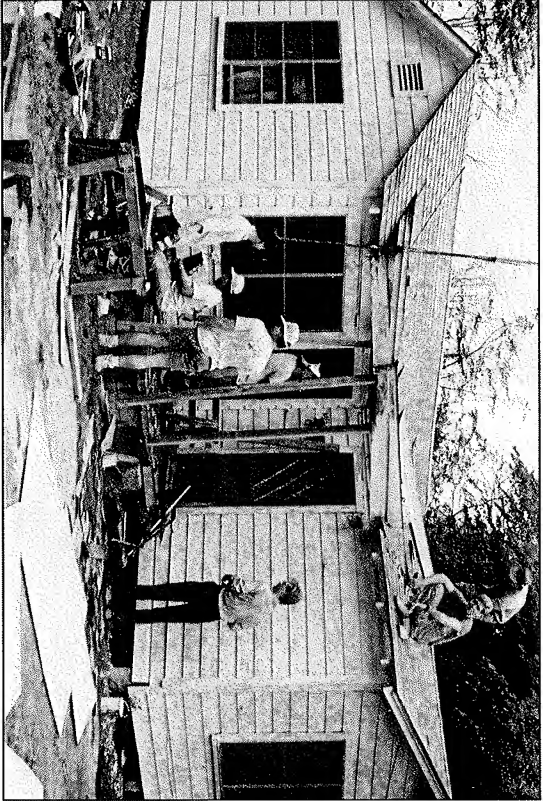


**Campaign contributions provide for general program expenditures and the purchase of the supplies and equipment necessary to operate the university. This twin-engine Beechcraft Baron airplane was one major addition to the aviation program made possible by a campaign gift.**

The landscaping of the central mall is still in progress as construction began in August on a 66 foot carillon bell tower which is scheduled to be completed by early fall.

The Campaign goals included \$500,000 for preliminary funding of the next major building project in the campus masterplan, a multi-million dollar Campus and Community Center. Early in the campaign it became evident that fund raising efforts would need to focus attention on the more critical needs represented in the basic campaign categories - the

the trademarks of LeTouneau University."	adult program, LeTouneau Education for Adult Professionals. Combined enrollment in the fall of 1989 was 773; the Fall 1990 enrollment was 1,026 including 230 LEAP students. Projections for the total Fall 1991 enrollment could go higher than 1,400.
Today LeTouneau University is a strong and dynamic institution. The current faculty is among the finest the university has ever had. The people who have joined us most recently have the highest professional preparation and expertise. They have joined with the veteran faculty and are making contributions in teaching, research and service to a greater degree	LeTouneau has also enjoyed a growing measure of financial stability. The university has achieved balanced budgets four years in a row with the

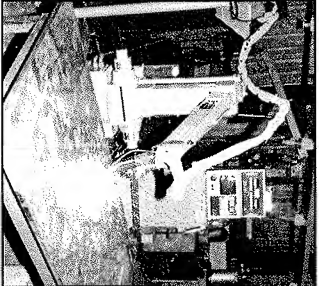


**Campaign contributions provide the foundation of support necessary for the development of programs that develop the intellectual and spiritual lives of students. Students participating in the Clean-Sweep mission project opened their lives to the lives of others in the community.**

than ever before.	expectation that this year's audit will confirm a fifth balanced budget.
The academic and student life programs are growing in strength and recognition. Accreditation agencies, leaders in other institutions of higher education, industry as well as students and alumni all reinforce the quality of the university's efforts.	Of primary concern to the university is the spiritual climate of the campus. Here, too, there is objective demonstration of spiritual commitment to Jesus Christ in the lives of faculty, staff and students.
Recognition by U.S. News and World Report as one of the "top ten" institutions in the western United States is further reinforcement of substantial achievement.	The students' faith commitment to the Lord is observable through their extensive involvement in mission projects, community ministry and church attendance.
Most recently LeTouneau aviation technology students took first place among all institutions in Texas in a maintenance diagnostic competition. And LeTouneau engineering graduates are among the highest in the nation in successfully passing the stringent Engineer In Training exam for senior engineering students.	More than 150 students went to Mexico for Spring Break to serve churches in several localities. Another 50 were on mission trips to Indiana and North Carolina. Three hundred students spent a weekend renovating a dozen houses in a needy area of Longview. Students also minister to the needs of people at the Highway 80 Rescue Mission and to the elderly in local nursing homes. There is a high level of interaction between students and administration and faculty.
The enrollment of traditional on-campus students has shown steady growth over the past several years. It's a major improvement over the decline the institution experienced in the early 1980's.	The Capture The Vision Campaign has raised LeTouneau University to a higher level of achievement in shaping the lives of Christian young people and preparing them to be competent and effective servants of the Lord throughout the world. It has also provided a solid foundation for future growth and achievement.
While experiencing this growth LeTouneau has actually achieved a stronger student as ACT and SAT scores have risen, contrary to the national trend for declining test scores.	
In addition there has been phenomenal growth in the new	

## MAJOR CAMPAIGN EVENTS

- LeTouneau Becomes A University**  
September 1, 1989
- Dedication of New University Entrance**  
September 1, 1989
- First LEAP Class Begins**  
October 30, 1989
- Omer Blodgett Welding Endowment Initiated**  
October, 1989
- Dedication Of The R. G. Memorial Park**  
November 30, 1989
- Teacher Certification Program Begins**  
September, 1990
- LeTouneau recognized by U.S. News and World Report**  
October 15, 1990
- Ground Breaking for Longview Hall**  
November 1, 1990
- Templeton Foundation names LeTouneau in their 1991 Honor Roll**  
April, 1991
- First LEAP Class Graduates**  
May, 1991
- Carillon Tower Construction Begins**  
August, 1991



**The Hobart YASNAC welding robot valued at \$90,000 is just one of many valuable equipment gifts received during the Capture The Vision Campaign. Business and industry is also a source for annual gifts of supplies and expendable materials which help to meet the essential needs of the university.**

# First Steps Toward An Engineering Career

## FACULTY SERVE ON ETAME BOARD

Dr. John Busch, chairman of the division of engineering, and Mr. Richard Berry, retired engineering division chairman, are serving on the Board of Directors for the East Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering (ETAME). The goal of ETAME is to provide programs which encourage minority students in junior high and high school to pursue higher education and careers in science and engineering.

## PAPERS PRESENTED BY FACULTY

Three LeTourneau engineering faculty presented papers at the annual conference of the University Program for Computer-Aided Engineering Design & Manufacturing in Provo, Utah.

Dr. B. Kyun Lee, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, presented a paper entitled "Computer Simulation and Solution of 4-Bar Kinematic Linkages." The paper was co-authored by Lee and LeTourneau student, Nathan A. Roden.

Dr. Thrasher presented a paper, co-authored with Joe Gaiser, associate professor of engineering, entitled "Integration of Solids Modeling into Freshman Graphics at LeTourneau University."

Dr. Thrasher presented a second paper entitled, "Integration of Spreadsheet Software and a Finite Difference Heat Transfer Program in the Heat Transfer Course at LeTourneau University."

## PROFESSOR ASSISTS RADIO MINISTRY

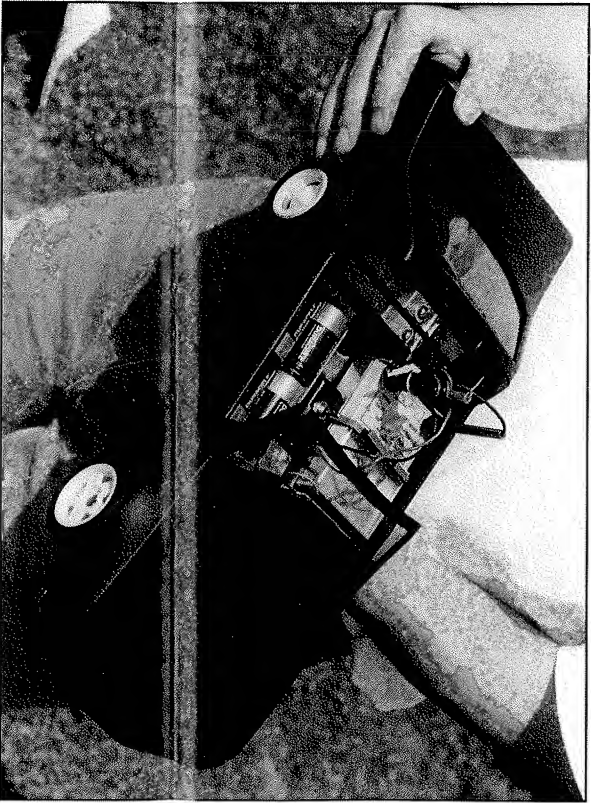
In July, Dr. Paul R. Leffler, professor of engineering, his wife, Jani, and children, Maria and David, traveled to Bonaire, an island in the Caribbean Sea. Dr. Leffler conducted technical seminars for the radio engineers at Trans-World Radio (TRW) and explored the possibility of involving LeTourneau student teams in TRW's radio ministry.

The engineering curriculum places great emphasis on engineering design and students begin to learn the basic principles in the freshman year. The final exam for students enrolled in the spring semester class, GE 133, Introduction to Engineering Design, was a design project which accounted for a major portion of their grade. Dr. John Busch, chairman of the Division of Engineering and Engineering Technology and the class instructor, provided the students with the following project specifications:

*The LeTTel Corporation, a fictional company, manufacturers and markets educational toys. LeTTel has contracted with the engineering design students to design, build and test a prototype educational toy vehicle. The objective is to develop an attractive product that will acquaint future scientists and engineers with the principles of energy use and conversion in electrically powered vehicles. The target age range of prospective customers is 9 to 13. The vehicle must be designed to use the motor and differential assembly manufactured by the LeTTel Corporation. It will be powered by C-cell batteries and must be capable of running at two speeds on concrete sidewalks or road asphalt. The power input to the motor must be monitored using a voltohmm meter installed in the vehicle in such a way that it is readable while the vehicle is in motion. The style of vehicle should be attractive to the age range of prospective customers. The class was divided into teams of three or four students. The teams generated their own ideas as to the type of vehicle they would build. Every team member had a specific assignment as they worked together to design a prototype working model. A progress report documented their progress with sketches of the vehicle, circuit diagrams and descriptions of how the vehicle would operate. "At LeTourneau the engineering program has a strong theoretical base but we also emphasize the application of theory," explains Dr. John Busch.*



Team leader, Dennis Bulgrien, explains the design characteristics of his team's model car to Dr. Busch. Documenting and presenting step-by-step results is an important part of engineering design.



The successful completion of the design project required the cooperation of all team members. Here the project parts are assembled in an aerodynamic sports car producing a product that is functional and very attractive.



A big yellow school bus, complete with the pictures of famous passengers like Professor John Busch in the driver's seat and President George Bush in the first passenger seat, added interest to the project.

"The students learn analytical and design skills and methods. The theory presented in this class isn't too complex, but the potential to apply the theory is wide open, just as it is in the real world. "What students learn establishes a foundation upon which they will accumulate a growing body of theoretical knowledge and application all of which leads to a

senior 'capstone project', which brings together everything they've learned." Each team was given an electric motor transaxle assembly, a battery holder and a switch which they were to install in a toy vehicle. The challenge was to be creative and come up with different types of vehicles. Team members were responsible for

obtaining or fabricating any parts not furnished. "I divided them into teams to mimic what happens in business and industry," says John Busch. "Design is usually accomplished through a team effort and in this case it was especially necessary because the project was too large for an individual student to accomplish on his own in the time available." In addition to their regular coursework many students spent an additional 40 to 50 hours working on their projects. That's approximately 160 to 200 hours of work on each vehicle. "The project encourages creativity and ingenuity," says Dr. Busch. "Students learn to make choices and decisions. They are required to use the AutoCAD computer design program to layout their designs and drawings and their final reports are also produced on the computer. When the teams put it all together the result was a wide array of vehicles, everything from sports cars and school busses, to tanks and off-road vehicles." Then on a sunny day at the end of the semester the teams met on the campus mall. It was the moment of truth. Time to test their vehicles by running them on the mall sidewalk. After each test run the team leader described the results to the class members and professor. The test runs were followed with oral classroom presentations. A final written report completed the project. "A project like this one has many components," says Dr. Busch. "What makes it a significant learning experience is that students are required to successfully complete all of the components of the project, not just one or two. They learn that there's more to engineering design than the fun of building a model and the thrill of the test run. They must also understand the principles underlying their project design. They must be able to explain them and defend the results of their work and document it all in a final written report." It's classroom experience like this that produces graduates who are eagerly sought after by business and industry.



Alumni Profile

Exciting Career Is A Base For Missions

It was just one chapel program at LeTourneau University, but it had a big impact in Dave Whitten's life. He can't remember the speakers name, but on that day a former employee of the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors told how he became a missionary during his retirement years.

"The man from Olds didn't feel called to be a missionary, as such," explains Dave, "but he noticed that many missionaries who were well prepared for preaching, teaching and evangelism didn't know what to do when something went wrong, like their car breaking down, or there was a short in a wiring system, or their water pumping station had problems.

"He realized he had the skills, the experience and the tools to solve such problems, so when he retired he became a mechanical/technical missionary.

"I was very impressed with the idea that an ordinary person could dedicate his or her talents to serving the Lord in that way."

The Lord had planted a seed in Dave's mind and with the passing of time the seed began to grow.

Dave graduated from LeTourneau in 1969 with a degree in mechanical engineering. That summer he and Cheryl were married. Dave shared the vision with Cheryl and by the early '70's they were both committed to seek God's will throughout their lives looking forward to missions after retirement. But their involvement in missions was to begin much sooner.

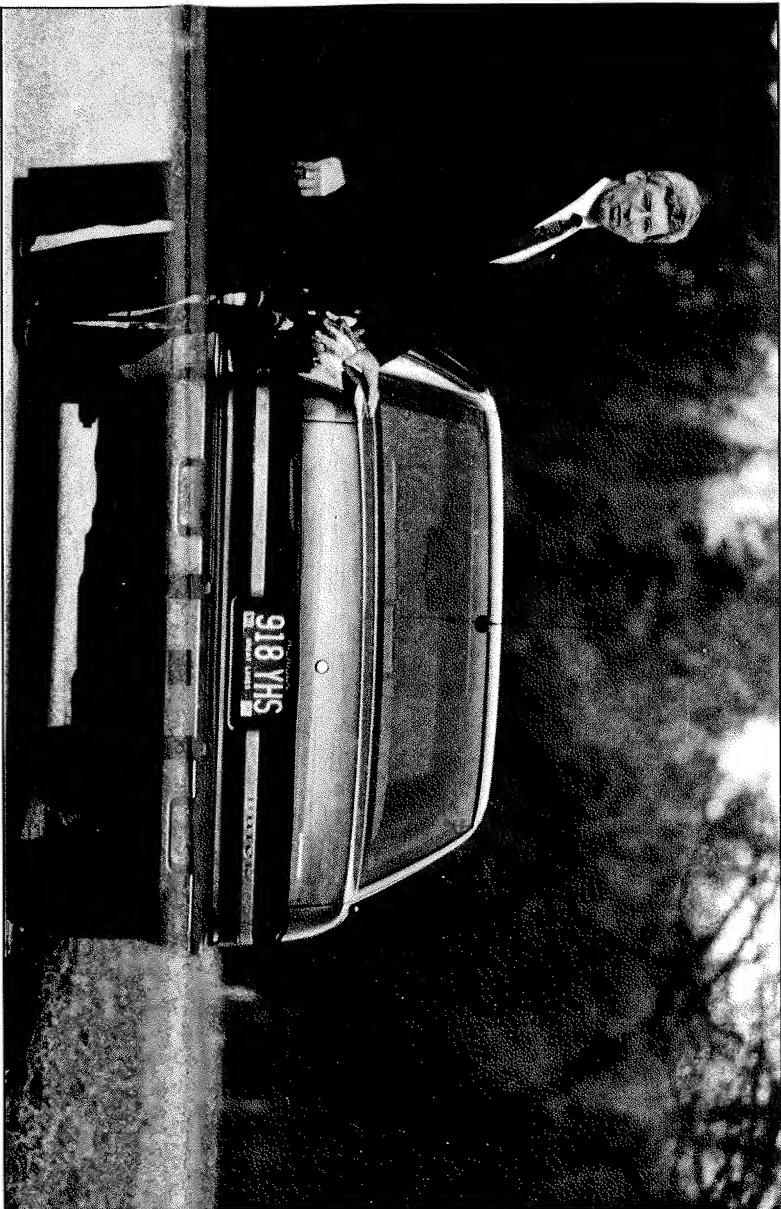
Dave's first job after graduation was with the Euclid Division of General Motors (Terex), in Hudson, Ohio. The company specialized in building big earth moving equipment. "I'd had experience in that business as a student," explained Dave. "For two years I worked in the steel mill at the LeTourneau plant, and later I worked with LeTourneau alumni Lloyd Molby and Paul Kelsey in the research and design of the LeTourneau front end loaders."

Today Dave is project manager Advanced Concepts for Buick. The Advanced Concepts team builds all of the show cars and niche products for Buick. The

Advanced Concepts Group is part of Buick's product planning and marketing groups. Dave loves his job. Working for Buick is exciting and at times it's hectic. "Our team of six people is usually juggling about 50 different projects at any one time. We analyze what's selling among competitive makes and develop a plan to broaden the appeal of a particular model.

The Whittens have two children. Their son, Scott, is a college freshman, and their daughter, Alissa is a high school sophomore. Their church holds an important place in their lives. From the very beginning Dave and Cheryl have been deeply involved in the ministry of the local church. In the early years of their marriage they worked as senior high youth leaders at the Whipple Avenue

they realize they can be leaders and participate in a ministry that will make a difference in the lives of people, one that will last forever," exclaims Dave. "The Lord builds talents into your life to be used, not to lie dormant," says Dave. In the past 5 years Dave and Cheryl have organized 3 teen mission projects, each in a different cultural environment.



Dave Whitten checks out a Buick Regal "niche car," a product of Buick's Advanced Concepts group. Design changes and special options make it an attractive product in today's market. Since graduating from LeTourneau Dave has enjoyed two successful careers; engineering and missions.

"When I was a student at LeTourneau in professor Earl "Hon" Thompson's automotive class I never dreamed I could have a job that would pay me to do the work I'm doing. "The quality of our cars has improved dramatically in recent years. This year Buick is enjoying a 7 percent increase in sales over last year. That's quite an achievement when you consider that the industry as a whole is struggling to overcome a 7 percent decline."

But Dave's career in the automobile business is simply a convenient way to support his and Cheryl's involvement in missions. "I believe the Christian life is a very active, participatory responsibility," explains Dave. "I don't think there are any water boys or bench warmers. God expects us to be going all-out on the playing field. And to say, 'After thirty years of building cars, then I will go into missions,' isn't the right approach either. Serving the Lord is a life-long privilege and responsibility."

Baptist Church in Canton, Ohio. They began with some hesitation, but God blessed their efforts. "Cheryl and I work as a team. Her college preparation in elementary education and music greatly enhances her abilities to be friends with the kids and to minister to their needs."

Today Dave says he considers himself a full time youth director at the First Baptist Church of Lapeer, Michigan and a part-time, 50 to 60 hour per week, worker for Buick. He considers his employment at Buick, as challenging and enjoyable as it is, to be a means to an eternal end. At one point in their youth ministry Dave and Cheryl heard about a group from Hackensack, New Jersey, that conducted a Bible school with adult leadership for a little church in New Mexico. They thought this would be a wonderful thing for their youth group to do. The result was five youth mission projects completed before Dave and Cheryl moved to Lapeer. "The kids get so excited when

This year, on June 14, Dave and Cheryl loaded up two church vans and two 6'X12' U-Haul trailers, 18 teens, one college student and 4 adult leaders, along with all of the equipment and supplies they needed, and drove to Chatfield, Minnesota. There the young people conducted a vacation Bible school in that rural community for Calvary Baptist Church. The youth mission emphasis is called, Missions Apprentice Program (MAP). A primary goal is to expose teenagers to varying mission opportunities in a variety of cultures. This gives them an opportunity for Christian service and also provides a base from which they can evaluate missions as a career alternative. The program also helps home missionaries who do not have a large enough congregation to conduct a vacation Bible school on their own. Dave explains that MAP is a turn-key program with minimal expense to the local mission church. "We arrive on Saturday night and set up separate dormitories for the boys and girls

ALUMNI ENJOY THE GREAT TEXAS BALLOON RACE

The Great Texas Balloon Race is an annual community event held at the Gregg County Airport. The LeTourneau flight facility, located just across the runway from the balloon race site, is an ideal spot from which to observe the launching of the many colorful balloons. For the second year, LeTourneau alumni, faculty, staff and their families enjoyed a delicious, all-you-can-eat bar-b-que supper served in front of the LeTourneau hangar. Then everyone settled into lawn chairs to watch the balloons rise into the evening sky. More than 300 people enjoyed the evening together.

AVIATION ALUMNI MEET

The second annual meeting of the LeTourneau University Aviation Alumni Association was held at the site of the Experimental Aircraft Association annual convention at Oshkosh, Wisconsin on Saturday, July 27, 1991. Activities included a noon alumni executive committee meeting and an evening meal and time of fellowship for all alumni.

GIFTS-IN-KIND ARE A MAJOR SOURCE OF SUPPORT

Arranging for gifts-in-kind is one way many alumni and friends of LeTourneau direct thousands of dollars worth of equipment, excess inventory, and other materials to LeTourneau every year. Because of Dave Whitten's Buick connection, and with the cooperation of our local Buick dealer, LeTourneau earlier received the donation of a 1988 Rivera 3800 and a 1989 Skylark Quad Four, valuable additions to the auto lab. Most gifts of this type come as a result of alert alumni who know when equipment or excess inventory becomes available and arrange for the gift to be given to LeTourneau.

*The Giant Step Program*

# An Opportunity To Succeed

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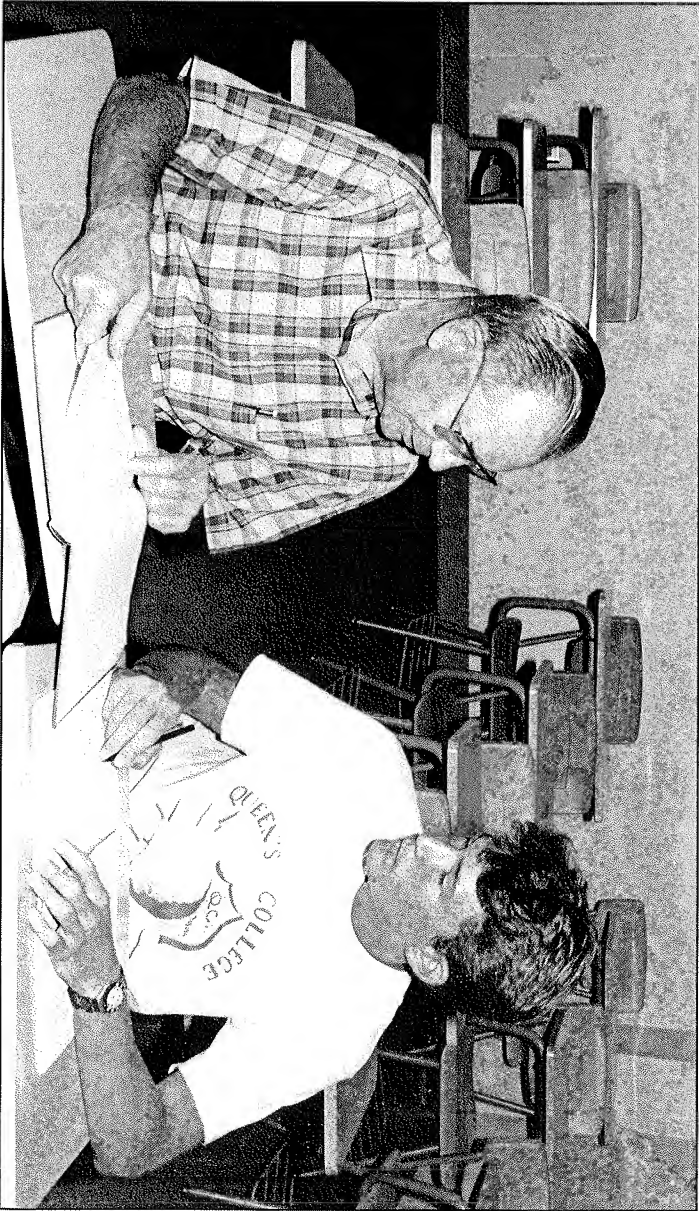
**LETOURNEAU  
ADOPTS MODEL  
STANDARDS**

LeTourneau University has joined the National Committee on Planned Giving and Committee on Gift Annuities in adopting "Model Standards of Practice for the Charitable Gift Planner."

The statement emphasizes practices long observed by all reputable charities throughout the country. Because of recent highly publicized abuses the organizations believed it was necessary to go on record with a statement of ethical practices.

Examples of issues covered in the Model Standards include advising individuals to seek competent advice from independent advisers when planning a gift. The payment of finder's fees or commissions as a condition for the delivery of a gift is rejected as unethical. Organizations are challenged to make every effort to ensure the donor receives a full and accurate explanation of all aspects of a proposed charitable gift.

The Committee on Gift Annuities represents more than 1,200 public charities across the country. The National Committee on Planned Giving represents 50 local planned giving councils with some 4,000 individuals involved in planned giving. LeTourneau University is actively involved with these and other organizations calling for a high level of ethical behavior in fund raising practices.



Joe McGraw provides individual instruction for Giant Step student, Mike Pinder who lives in the Bahamas. Mike is working to improve his skills in mathematics and English and plans on attending LeTourneau this fall. Concentrated study and personal attention will insure his success.

"I'm 100 percent sold on the value of Giant Step," says McGraw. "It's the best step students can take if they question their ability to perform in college. They receive full college credit for their work and it builds their confidence. "A student's success in Giant Step is also reassuring to parents who in most cases will finance their child's education."

Courses focus on basic subjects: mathematics, English, physical education and computer science. "The coursework is very

concentrated and students receive one-on-one attention," explains McGraw, who personally selects the Giant Step faculty. "Giant Step is successful because it brings together qualified teachers who earnestly desire to see students succeed, and students who are motivated to learn."

Increasing numbers of high achievers are choosing to attend LeTourneau and the average ACT/SAT scores of entering freshmen are going up. Through Giant Step, students whose academic success has been average or below average have an opportunity to succeed at a

university where the academic curriculum is recognized as being very rigorous. More than 95 percent of Giant Step students successfully complete the program and go on to enroll in a traditional degree program. For them the program is a Giant Step toward success.

*Focus On Planned Giving*

## Give The Gift You've Always Wanted To Give, And Receive Lifetime Income



John Martin

Recently I visited with a couple from central Texas who have been interested in LeTourneau University for many years. They have visited the campus, are vitally interested in our progress and want to make a significant gift to provide our students with the kind of life-shaping education that will influence the world for Jesus Christ.

But they were concerned about the future and are hesitant to make a large immediate gift. Most of their income comes from investments and they need it to cover their living expenses. We talked for awhile about

various giving plans which provide a lifetime income like the charitable gift annuity. Many folks have found this to be a practical way to make a sizeable gift and to increase their spendable income at the same time.

An annuity is created when a person transfers cash or other assets to the university.

LeTourneau then guarantees lifetime income payments. They receive a very favorable interest rate which is determined when the annuity is created and remains constant despite market fluctuations. They also receive an immediate tax deduction and a portion of the income they receive is tax free.

All the assets of LeTourneau University back the annuity. We've never missed a single payment in our history. Our friends in central Texas decided an annuity would fit perfectly into their retirement plans. So they created an annuity with several maturing CD's. An investment that was paying less than 7 percent, and all of it

taxable income, now pays 10.1% which is partially tax free. Our friends were able to give the big gift they had always wanted to give to LeTourneau and at the same time enjoy an increase in their annual income.

Perhaps an annuity would fit into your retirement plans. To receive more information fill out the coupon and return it to me. I would be happy to visit with you about this giving alternative.

**Illustrations Of A Single  
And Two-Life Annuity**

Mrs. Smith, age 82, transfers \$10,000 in cash to create an annuity. At the designated rate of 10.2% she will receive \$1,020 each year for the rest of her life, a portion of which is tax free. The year in which the annuity is created she also receives a tax deduction of \$5,610.

Mr. and Mrs. Able, ages 72 and 68, create a \$25,000 annuity payable for both of their lives. They receive an immediate tax deduction of \$10,536.03. The annuity will pay 7.1% providing them with \$1,775 per year throughout their lifetimes, a portion of which is also tax free.

Please send me the free booklet:

**"Giving Through Gift Annuities"**

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# Alumni News

## BABIES

### 70's

**Mark (MT/AT '78) and Cheryl (MA '80) Sjoblom** are proud of Luke Davis. He was born April 16, 1991 and weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz. He was welcomed home by brother Jesse.

**Jeff (MT '79) and Bonnie Hull** are pleased to have their third child, Brandi Carolyn. Brandi was born December 6, 1990. Kimberly, 5 years and Christopher, 3 years are glad for another playmate.

**Howard (MT/AT '79) and Marcie Eliason** have 2 new additions to their family. Heather Joy and Holly Jayne arrived November 16, 1990 and joined Heidi and Howie in the Eliason home.

### 80's

**James (PE '81) and Bonnie "Littlefield" ('79-81) Cheely** now have two boys. Kevin Daniel was born May 13, 1991 and weighed 8 lbs.; 8 oz. Kevin has a three-year-old brother, Bryan.

**Doug (WE '81) and Sigrid Diehl** now have a baby boy, named Brian Charles. Brian was born June 29, 1991 and weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz. He was welcomed home by sister, Mitchell, 4 years old.

**Jay Slagle (RE '82) and wife Jackie** have a new family member. Katelyn Nicole was born November 9, 1990. The *Slagles* live in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Congratulations to **Walter (MT '82) and Linda "Moran" (EN '82) Burklin**. Their daughter, Mary Rose, was born April 21, 1991 and weighed 10 lbs., 8 oz. Walter works at LeTourneau University.

**Mark (MT '84) and Brenda Strimplin** are rejoicing in the birth of their son, Matthew Wayne, born April 12 in Nashville, TN, and weighing in at 7 lbs., 5 1/2 oz.

**Brian (ET '83) and Valerie Storm** have a baby girl, Deborah Elizabeth was born June 18, 1991 and weighed 6 lbs., 15 1/2 oz. Deborah joins proud brothers Timothy, 4 1/2 yrs. and Daniel, almost 2 yrs.

**Bob (BU/PE '84) and Deborah Turnipseed** recently became parents on June 6, 1991 to Luke Robert. He weighed 6 lbs., 13 1/2 oz. The Turnipseeds live in Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

**David (BY '85) and Susan Droad** have been blessed with their first child, Whitney Morgan was born March 27, 1991 in Colombia, South Carolina. She weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz.

**David (MT '85) and Janis "Longenecker" (RE '85) Gould** want everyone to know of the birth of Elizabeth Joy. She was born December 5, 1990.

**Tim (WE '86) and Valerie "Hertin" (83-84) Livengood** are very proud of Thomas Harry. Thomas was born May 21, 1991 in Slidell, Louisiana where father Tim is a Welding Engineer with Martin Marietta. Mom, Valerie keeps busy with the new baby and Abigail-3 years, Marissa-2 years and Cody-1 year.

**Bruce (AT '87) and Brenda "Tanis" (85-86) Stichter** would like to introduce Bruce Jacob, alias "Jake". Jake was born March 8, 1991 and weighed 10 lbs., 1 oz.

**Brad (MT/AT '87) and Sarah "Johnson" (BU '88) Olson** are glad to have Jennifer Lynne. She was born August 11, 1990 in Jerusalem, Israel while Brad & Sarah were there with Marathon LeTourneau. They were

evacuated from the country 4 days after Jennifer was born due to the war. Brad, Sarah and Jennifer are now living in Longview, Texas where Brad works for Conoco.

**Brian (EE '89) and Diane Sassaman** are proud of their first child, Abigail Lenore was born February 14, 1991 at Castle Air Force Base in Merced, California. Abigail weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz.

### 90's

**Dan (DT '89) (EAP '91) and Michelle Schaller** thank the Lord for a son, Landan Ayas, born June 14, 1991. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21 inches long. He is a new brother for Dan and Mitchell's 22 month old daughter, Jillian Janae.

## WEDDING BELLS

### 80's

**Jim Miller (AT/ET '81-83) married Sharon Dagen** on June 1, 1991. They currently live in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Congratulations!

**Ken Dunkerley (MT '84) married Becky McBride** on December 1, 1990. They live in Belleville, Pennsylvania where Ken is pastor of Big Valley Alliance Church and Becky teaches at a local daycare.

June 1, 1991 was the date **David Wilkinson (AC '84) and Therese Johnson** were married in Houston, Texas. David is an Analyst with Trans Marketing Houston, Inc. and Therese is an Accountant with Exxon.

**Frank Valenza (85-88) and Michelle Reese** were married on June 8, 1991 in Speer Chapel on the LeTourneau campus. They reside in Longview where Frank works in the LeTourneau University Physical Plant.

**Roger Richardson (MT '87) was married to Robyn Glasier** on May 11, 1991. They live in Sinti Valley, California where Roger works for Rockwell International.

**Steve Reed (AC '88) and Veronica Chavez** were married on February 23, 1991. Steve and Veronica live in Mexico where Steve is the Commercial Director for Aloe Ideal.

**Tim Graber (ME '89) and Ginger Elliott (BU '90) were married** November 24, 1990 in North Atleboro, Massachusetts. They live in Levittown, Pennsylvania where Tim is an engineer for Graber-Rogg, Inc.

### 90's

**Dan Rose (EE '90) and Lara Wallace (GS/MA '91) were married** on May 25, 1991. They plan to live in Iowa.

**Albert Elcock (EE '90) and Judy Foy** were married June 29, 1991 in Havertown, Pennsylvania.

**Greg Bakke (WT '91) married Julie Surochak** on August 2, 1991. Greg is a Welding Engineer with Chicago Bridge & Iron in Fremont, California.

**Brian Wallace (IM '91) and Kelly Phillips (BU '91) were married** June 29, 1991 in Beckville, Texas. Brian works for Scot Industries in Lone Star, Texas as an Industrial Manager Trainee. They currently live in Longview, Texas.

## CAREER NEWS

### 60's

**Bob (BI '69) and Maxine (HU/EN '83) Johnson** are moving to Due West, South Carolina. Bob plans to get his Masters of Divinity at Esكية Theological Seminary. Maxine taught at Longview High School and Bob worked for 10 years in the Maintenance Department at LeTourneau. We'll miss you two.

### 70's

**Johnny Williams (MA '72), wife Carolyn** and their three children have moved to Hays, Kansas. Johnny is the new Vice President for Administration and Finance at Fort Hays State University. Johnny worked at LeTourneau University for the past 14 years.

**Chuck (EE '77) and Patti White** have been appointed by Trans World Radio for service in possibly Guam, Bonaire or Swaziland. They and their two children are living in Sterling, Virginia.

### 80's

**Gary Bixby (MT '80) was recently promoted** to President at Hialeah Meier Company. Congratulations Gary!

**Vanessa "Brandimore" Lund (BU '81) is in a new position** with Yellowstone Treatment Centers in Billings, Montana. She is now the Director of Financial Services. Vanessa and husband **Steve (MT/WT/AT '79) live in** Hunley, Montana with their two children.

**Mark Rice (ET/AT '82)** presented a paper at the 15th Annual Computer Science Conference held on April 26, 1991. Mark is working on a Masters of Science in Computer Science at East Texas State University and is employed by E-Systems.

**Nathan (WE '83) and Janet Puczy** moved to Mt. Vernon, Indiana. Nathan accepted a job as an Engineer for Babcock & Wilcox.

**Larry Augsburgner (EE '83)** is now living in Fox Grove, Illinois where he is an Electrical Engineer for Motorola.

**David Scholtenus (ME '83)** is currently living in Duncannonville, Texas. David is an Operations Supervisor with Shell Internationale Petroleum Maatschappij based in Damascus, Syria.

**Stan Gingrich (WT '84)** has accepted the position of Manager of the Materials and Welding Department at Grove Worldwide in Shady Grove, Pennsylvania. Stan, his wife **Karen (RE '84)** and their two children recently moved to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

**Dan Williams (ET/AT '83-85)** is working as an Aircraft Mechanic and Avionics Technician at Horizon Air in Portland, Oregon. Dan resides in Vancouver, Washington.

**Jamie (AMT/BU '86) and Murielle "Vernaud" (EE '87) Friedman** are currently living in France. Jamie is works in parts sales for Ecobem in Paris and Murielle is a Software Engineer for Ericsson.

**Chris Soth (OSE '86) and wife Karen** are now in Fairfax, Virginia. Chris is a System Engineer with Martin Marietta in Washington, D.C. His office is in downtown Washington, D.C., not far from the Smithsonian Aerospace museum. If you are in their area, Chris and Karen would love to get a call from you.

**Brian Fowler (WT '87)** is now the Manager of Welding with ABB Air Preheater, Inc. in Wellsville, New York.

**Eric J. Smith (BU/CS '87) and wife Melissa** have relocated to Adlington where Eric is Director of the Windows Elite Group and Project Manager at Agents Processing Systems.

**Greg (AT '87) and Ruth Pirte** returned to the States in Fall of 1990 after a 2-year term with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Haiti. Greg is now a pilot with Lynx Air International in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

**Brent Wilder (EE '88)** graduated in May, 1991 from Ohio State University with an M.S. in Welding Engineering.

**Carl J. Schwartz, Jr. (PA '88)** was elected as President of the Student Bar Association at Regent University's School of Law in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Carl is in his final year of law school.

**Michael Stephenson (DM '89) and wife Cindy** live near Seattle, Washington. Mike works as a Methods Analyst with Boeing Commercial Airplane Company. Cindy is an Executive Assistant in the Government Affairs Department of Weyerhaeuser.

### 90's

**Craig Zelnba (HI '90)** has completed his Naval Aviator Candidate school with the U.S. Navy. He finished at the top of his class and has been assigned as a jet pilot.

**Dean (MT/AT '90) and Lynn Thomas** are moving to Nashville, Tennessee where Dean will work as an A & P Mechanic for American Eagle. Lynn is leaving her position as Assoc. Director of Admissions at LeTourneau University.

**Robert Heckler (AC '91)** is now working for Binding Systems, Inc. in Houston, Texas as a Staff Accountant. Rob lives in Webster, Texas.

## MISSIONS

### 80's

**Don Norman (RE '84)** is working with Friends in The West, an interdenominational relief agency. Don works in Kampala, Uganda. He plans to return to the U.S. in May of 1992.

**Don Taber (DT '85)** plans to go to the Philippines in the Fall of 1992 with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### 60's

**Keith (EE '66) and Sheila "Albright" (65-66) Martin** recently celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary! They enjoyed 9 days in Hawaii to celebrate their terrific years together.

## CAMPUS VISITS

### 70's

**Pam Peterson (ED/MA '75)** visited with us recently. Pam teaches Kindergarten to third grade in a two-room school in Ainsworth, Nebraska. Pam arrived in Longview with three nieces, one nephew and her mom.

**Lois Hunter (BU/AT '79)** and husband **Tim** stopped by on their way to Dallas. They are on furlough from Chad, Africa where they work with Wycliffe Bible Translations.

## SOMETHING'S MISSING



By John Galiano  
Director of Alumni Relations

The campus feels wrong. Something's missing. That's how it feels each summer when the students all go home. It looks pretty dead here on the outside, but if you could look through the buildings you would see quite a lot of activity: faculty and staff preparing for the new and returning students who will be here before we know it. The staff is already hard at work with arrangements for student scholarships and financial aid, as well as sprucing up student living areas.

How many times do we look on the outside and make a judgment about how active the Lord is in a person's life or in the ministry we are asked to support? Is something missing, or is it just our own narrow point of view? My prayer for you and me is that we will be able to see as God sees, and be willing to give a portion of our time and money that God has given us to encourage and support the ministries and people God brings to our attention.

May we be more dependent on God each day and in all things! Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. I Cor. 10:31



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